



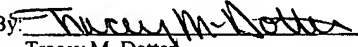
SERIAL NO. 10/774,051

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	WILSON	Examiner:	Sirmons, K.
Serial No.:	10/774,051	Group Art Unit:	3767
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT SUBMITTED CONCURRENTLY
WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action mailed October 19, 2005, and in view of the Notice of Appeal filed February 21, 2006 and Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review dated May 24, 2006, Applicant submits the present Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

Claims 1-10 and 18-20 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 9, and 10 have been amended. Claim 8 has been canceled. No claims have been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS begins on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 5 of this paper.

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